

**MACOMB COUNTY 4H DEVELOPMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HORSE PROJECT
April 6, 2004**

Pre-meeting of Officers called to order at 6:00 PM:

Officers of the Developmental Committee called to order to discuss correspondence received from Jan Weber regarding the Mini Horses.

1. January meeting minutes were reviewed. At that time, the subject of the Mini horse project was brought up near the end of the meeting and after a short discussion; the Mini club was left as it was in 2003. No vote or in-depth discussion took place at that time. Tina Fleming recalled saying she would take the issue back to the County to review.
2. Tina Fleming explained to the officers of the DC, the issue at the County level is the difference between a "club" and a "committee". The "Mini Club" is registered with the county as a club under the Horse Project. As a result, it is different from a County Activity such the Judging Team, etc. The "Mini Club" has not been set up as a County Activity and members of the "Mini Club" are to be addressed the same as members of other clubs under the Horse Project Developmental Committee.
3. The county management of the Mini Horses was discussed. Registration fees collected from a Mini Horse Project member would be assessed as they were for the large horses along with the requirement to sell ads for the Macomb County 4H Ad Book. These funds would be used to pay for judging, ribbons, and the year end banquet.
4. County guidelines for horse showing would apply to those showing in the Mini horse shows. May 1st would also be the deadline for registration.
5. Those entering in large and mini shows must pay the \$25.00 registration fees for both the large and mini shows. The reason for this is because separate shows are conducted for each type of horse.
6. Tina Fleming indicated the DC can fine tune the responsibilities associated with the logistics of the mini horses and may want to form a separate committee to address these issues. This committee can also develop operational guidelines for mini horse members.
7. Tina Fleming explained that Macomb County did not set up the Mini Horses to run the same as Kalamazoo Mini Horses. Macomb County's structure was set up with the input of the State of Michigan and Macomb County did use the Kalamazoo guidelines in forming the mini horses but it was not a carbon copy.
8. The Mini Club is registered as a club with the county under the direction of the horse project. As a result, it is different from a county activity such as Judging, etc. and as a club it cannot operate as a Committee.
9. No final decision regarding the direction of the mini horses was made at this meeting. The consensus of the group was that the minis were a club and should function under the direction of the DC. However, because separate shows and registration are necessary it makes sense to have a separate point secretary for the mini horse shows.
10. Tina advised the board the correspondence received by Jan Weber had been reviewed by the Extensions Office and it was not necessary to read the correspondence at the meeting.

Meeting called to order: 7:15 PM

Pledges

Attendance: **Just For Fun:** Mike DeFour, Ann Schroeder, Neena Dubay **Rays Riding Rascals:** Karen Rinke, Sandy Laudicina, Patricia A. Fons, Carol Fons, Nicole Hainer **Hollywood Stars:** Donna Wilson **Washington Raiders:** Paula Klein, Audra Klein, Nicole Wozniak **Romeo Rough Riders:** Sue Kutchey, Chelsea Suddon, Amanda Kutchey **Mini-RRR:** Kathy Cooper, Lucy Cooper **Macomb Outlaws:** Carolyn Eagle **Midnite Riders:** Faye Cerku, Ashley Cerku, **Macomb Mavericks:** Julie Wallace, Jenny Wallace, Stacey Kinnaird **Lenox Leprechanuns:** Linda Le Duc, Megan LeDuc, Stacey Simon, Sue Simon **MSU Extension Office:** Tina Fleming

Voting Sticks Distributed: Sue Kutchey distributed voting sticks to the adult and youth members representing their club.

Agenda: Reviewed - Additions/Corrections: First Aid Clinic, Pep, and Jamboree added to old business and 50/50 added to new business.

Minutes: Donna Wilson advised the minutes form the January 5th, 2004 had been reviewed by the Extension office and a request to amend the minutes with respect to the Mini Horse Club received to clarify what took place at the meeting. The minutes to the minutes should be amended under new business, item 9. "Mini Club". "Discussion carried over from the October meeting regarding operation of the Mini Horses activities and awards. A recommendation to have the club continue operating as a separate committee as in 2003 was tabled. Tina Fleming, MSU Ext Office indicated she would check further with the campus and therefore the discussion was placed on hold. A vote was not taken to reflect a final decision by the Horse Developmental Committee." Motion to accept amendment of January minutes. 1.) Ann Schroeder 2.) Nicole Hainer (Approved)

Reviewed Minutes form Marcy 1, 2004. Motion to accept: 1.) Stacey Kinnaird 2.) Amanda Kutchey (Approved)

Treasurers Report:

1. Sandy Laudicina explained we have \$485.98 in checking + \$1,032.25 in savings for a total of \$1,518.23. The importance of participation in the sale of ads as our primary fundraiser was emphasized with the group. All ribbons and trophies have been purchased and insurance for the year has been paid. Motion to approve treasures report: 1.) Kathy Cooper 2.) Stacey Kinnaird (Approved)

Emails and correspondence received have been sent to MSU-E to address

Old Business:

1. **Judges Contracts:** A few are out pending return for the large horse shows. All the contracts for the mini horse shows have been returned.
2. **Bill Collins Award:** Discussion regarding vote taken at the March meeting regarding limiting the Award to one time recognition. This particular change to the award was not submitted by September 1st, but was incorporated into the discussion and changes approved and voted on by the Developmental Committee. Because this item had been

taken back to each club and representatives voted on accordingly, the vote taken to limit the Award so that it can be awarded only once to an individual will stand.

3. **Ad Issues:** It is extremely important the clubs push their sales of ads. This is the primary fundraiser for the horse project. Discussion over a target dollar amount versus three ads per individual. Some families do not sell any ads and may prefer to make a donation instead. Another issue was the front and back cover sales. Suggestions for allocation of the front and back for next year were also discussed. A silent bidding process versus seniority. Also, should we offer an incentive to promote ad sales? Something like free registration to the youth that brings in the most revenue from ad sales? These items should be brought back to the clubs for review for next year.
4. **First Aid Clinic:** The tentative date of April 24th was reviewed by the group. Conflicts with Jamboree and PEP Volunteer day were addressed. The possibility of holding the clinic during the year end banquet was not received favorably. Motion made to table the clinic until the fall. 1.) Kathy Cooper 2.) Julie Wallace (Approved)
5. **PEP Training:**
 - Conflict with those that would participate in Jamboree
 - Question raised for those that are certified with other handicap riding programs. Tina Fleming to check into this.
 - Age of 14 or older for walkers
 - Sue Kutchev to check into a make up date for those unable to attend the training at Big R, April 24th at 1:00 PM.
 - Questions regarding the PEP should be addressed to Tina Fleming.

New Business:

1. Judging Team - Norma Agnew requested funds from the DC to pay the entry fee for the Judging competition. The amount is \$10.00 per person. The discussion then moved to address Norma Agnew's expenses incurred during the Jamboree. A motion was made to ask each club to donate \$15.00 to offset Mrs. Agnew's expenses. 1.) Kathy Cooper 2.) Donna Wilson (Approved)
2. Show Assignment Sheets were posted for clubs to sign up.
 - Vacancies will be filled in.
 - Ribbons will be distributed at the announcers stand.Food Booth:
 - Ann Schroeder's club will do the EMHA Show.
 - College kids are available for other shows to raise funds if there are no other interested parties .
3. Basic Ride Test-
 - Clubs should provide Julie Wallace number of individuals taking the BRT and Jump Tests.
4. Registration:
 - Distributed by Julie Wallace
 - Due May 1st - Any exceptions must be addressed in the June meeting to explain. May 1st is a State deadline.
 - Question raised: Does the exhibitor have to ride the same project horse for the BRT. A review of the rules does not specifically state this but it is highly suggested the individual bring their project horse to the BRT.

- Sharing horses: Please add the name, member, horse name & coggins to cross reference paperwork and coggins.
 - Advance Grooms: Separate from for exhibitors in addition to the novice forms.
 - Same back numbers will be used as last year.
 - Registration fee for individuals 20yr were waived last year. Motion made to have these exhibitors pay the registration fee this year. 1.) D. Wilson 2.) Kathy Cooper (Approved)
5. 50/50 Raffle for Handicap Riding Program. Motion made to hold 50/50 raffles at the horse shows as a fundraiser. 1.) Sandy Laudicina 2.) Lucy Cooper (Approved)
- Reminder- must be 18 or over to sell tickets. Anyone under 18 cannot handle money or sell tickets.
 - Tina Fleming indicated Ann Schroeder had made a suggestion to raise money for PEP at the Armada Fair operating a food booth. Ann is waiting for a call back from the county. Sue Kutchev indicated that negotiations for 2004 have been made and it may be too late for this year, but they should apply just in case there are any openings.
 - PEP program must pay for insurance, use of barn, equipment, etc. It is estimated these expenses will run about \$5,000 per year.
6. Sandy Laudicina addressed the group indicating the MSU Equestrian/Judging/Polo Club has requested sponsors for classes. The names of those individuals or groups that sponsor a class will be announced at the shows. The date is July 8th so we can make a decision at the next meeting. Take this back to the clubs to see what the level of interest is.
7. Gaming Timers: Money was set aside for timers but used to pay for ribbons to obtain a prepaid discount. But once funds come in from ad sales this money will be available for the purchase of timers. Rata Faulk was to look into the purchase of the timers. Sue Kutchev will check with Rita to see if she is still pursuing this.
8. The purchase of walkie talkies was discussed. Ann Schroeder said she has a set to donate for use at the horse show.

Motion to Adjourn 1.) Stacey Kinnard 2.) Julie Wallace

Next Meeting: April 5, 2004 at Camp Rotary

Next Meeting: May 3rd, 2004 (Camp Rotary)